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so badly postmarked that it is impossible to ascertain from the mark whether the letter came or the date of its mailing. An instance of this is before us now in which not over six letters out of more than twenty that should appear are decipherable. It is one of those instances in which it is of prime importance to have the testimony of the postmark as to the date and place of mailing.

We assume that the faintness of the mark is due to the fact that the letter was at the bottom of the pile as the mailing clerk stamped a number, and that this last one had no cushion, or sufficient pad beneath it, to receive the blow of the type and insure the taking of the letters. But inventive genius ought to be equal to the task of evolving some means of postmarking clearly and uniformly with success. The postmarks might well be larger for one thing; while more difficult to handle the mark would be more easily deciphered. Why the size of the stamp was reduced some years ago we are not informed, but we well remember that the large one gave uniformly better results than those now in use, so far as legibility was concerned. At any rate some reform in the matter is possible and should be realized by the department.

CANADA has a champion skater in whom it takes great pride, and who is pitted against all the world for any sum of money any one may name in prize skating contests. Recently this young man went to Russia to skate against the champions of that country. But it happens that while he is a Canadian born, a good man, one never engaged in politics or brawls, and who is peaceable and law-abiding at all times, that he is a Jew. So soon as he landed in Russia he was therefore pounced upon and subjected to arrest, search, imprisonment and a great variety of indignities. His offense was his birth heritage. The people of Canada telegraphed to the Home Government to look after the rights of their fellow subject, and the Crown's Cabinet instructed the British Minister at St. Petersburg to intervene in behalf of the skater as a British subject, and to demand information why he had been treated in a manner more befitting a thief than a simple inoffensive Canadian champion skater. After an endless unrolling of red tape and some blustering and threatening, the Minister was able to secure Rubenstein from further annoyance, and he delivered his challenges to the Russian athletes and skaters. They were accepted, and the despised Canadian Jew proceeded to carry off all the purses and other prizes from the Moscow experts, and to win the admiration of all St. Petersburg for his skill. Russia is a lovely country in which to travel; it is inviting to the man whose religious predilections do not happen to meet the approval of the tyrannical laws and suspicious police of the empire. The truth is, that civil liberty as we understand it is unknown among Russians; race and political prejudice as we know it is nothing compared to their vindictive character in Russia. The whole system of the Russian Government is intolerant, and is steadily winning the detestation of the civilized world.

The informal investigation into the mysterious frauds, or to put it mildly, the peculiar mistakes in transcripts on appeal from the Police Courts to the Superior Court of San Francisco, reveals the outrages of greater extent than heretofore supposed. The police magistrate, from whose Court the defective statement went up, having declared that the testimony in his court was ample to convict the defendant, the appellate Judge now produces the transcript and compels the Court below to confess that the very testimony upon which a conviction was based was not certified to the appellate Court; moreover the defendant was not convicted in the lower Court of the offense with which he was charged in the complaint, but of a distinctly different crime, one provided for in the law. Not content with this, the upper Court now asserts that very few cases come up properly certified, and that inclination will show that a large part of the transcripts on appeal from Police Courts are either tampered with, or are corruptly made up in the first instance. The matter is one of signal importance and ought to be rooted out from the bottom and thoroughly ventilated in the Courts, and the men brought to light who falsify Court records in order to secure the release of convicted criminals.

THE S. F. Bulletin and the Alta are in hot dispute over the question, has that city shown by her public improvements the progress that is commensurate with her age and wealth? The Alta maintains the negative. We incline to hold with it. As a matter of fact, no city of the wealth, low taxation and prosperous population of the California metropolis, can be excused on three counts; for such poorly paved streets, such indifferent sewerage, such dusty and filthy-laden highways. We think, in all fairness, that in these respects that city is behind the Capital City. With all her discouragements, her higher rate of taxation, her smaller wealth per capita, her disadvantage—compared to San Francisco as a chief port of the nation—as an interior city, Sacramento has relatively expended more for the comfort of the community than San Francisco. We at least put down the dust, we clean the highways so that the droppings of the street do not blow into every face with strong winds, and we give more care to street driveways and walks than the metropolis—and this, despite the effects of winter.

DELICATE ESTER, of the Pan-American Congress, is home from the session for a few days. His report of the work of the Congress, thus far accomplished, is very encouraging. All the committees are now about ready to report, and the consideration of these reports will consume about a month more of time. Perhaps one of the most important recommendations to be made is that the South American Government should subsidize lines of mail steamers between their chief ports and two or three other more ports of the United States. Another important report will relate to uniformity of postal regulations, and still another to the coinage of a silver dollar of uniform value in American States for circulation. Delegate Ester looks upon the Congress as a body of exceeding ability; one that, in point of statesmanship and business character, is likely to go down in history as one of the greatest of American convocations.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Thesis, the weekly literary and political paper, which was started in Sacramento one year ago, has entered upon its second volume. It is a bright and readable journal and has published during the year several very valuable articles. It announces that it has entered the journalistic field to stay.

"BACKWOODS BELLES."

Delights That Charm the Lovely Damsels of Lakeport.

Our charming correspondent, "Laura,"

having described her post in Lake county

and sought broader fields for her genius, a

writer new to our readers sends us the following

unique communication:

SHINOLE SHANTY, Lakeport.

February 16, 1890.

Enslaved-Union: Of course you have

heard of the backwoods belles.

"Laura" wrote you about the "backwoods

(that's her name) says that I'm one of them,

and I thought maybe you'd like to hear

from us as it has been so long since

"Laura" wrote. I can't tell you as many

things as she does, because she's been

abroad in the world. Why, she's been to

Bartlett Springs, and I have been only to

Kelleyville once with her when he went to

trade horses with her. Bill Rogers, Jack

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